

HOME NEWS

—Luther Smith, of Edray, cut his foot very badly last Monday.

—Cardinal Gibbons is now at Elkins, and may be seen driving about the country roads.

—Married. On Wednesday, Mr. Rucker and Miss Chewie Lightner, of Swago.

—Robert K. Burns, Deputy Sheriff, says he rode one week lately, collecting, and accumulated only eight dollars.

—As usual in scarce years, the blackberry crop is magnificent. Word comes that the supply west of us is practically inexhaustible.

—Query: If a man stands in one county and shoots across the line and into another county, and kills a turkey buzzard, in what county will he be indicted for the offense.

—Married, August 1, near Frankford, Greenbrier county, by Rev. Homan, Mr. John A. McLaughlin, of Pocahontas county, and Miss Neata Byrd, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd.

—About the year 1800, Michael Cleek was one of the wealthiest men of this county, and his whole tax ticket was twenty-five cents as shown by receipts in the hands of the administrator of one of his sons.

—The Slaty Fork school, one of the pleasantest schools in the county, is wanting to contract with a good gentleman teacher for the coming season.

—Frank Null and John Husband, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., have been on William's River recently looking up the Hollister survey, a tract of about 6000 acres of timber land situated on that river and Turkey Run.

—A year old deer was caught by some men near this place Tuesday. It had evidently been run very hard and lay perfectly still until it was caught. It is now confined in Mr. C. A. Yeager's stable and is getting tame.

—Miss Nora Sharp, a daughter of Mr. Harmon Sharp, on Elk, was taken suddenly ill one day last week and remained unconscious for some time. The gravest concern was felt for the young lady for a time but she has about recovered.

—In a few localities the fruit trees are so heavily burdened with fruit that one feels it has been a special mercy to the orchards that a few of them have been relieved from the fruit-bearing service this season.

—No flood yet, and it is very doubtful whether lumber operations will be in force this winter. It will be somewhat of a misfortune, as a great many of our best workers depend for their living on the camps. Smith, Whiting & Co., alone, pay out \$6,000 per month when the work is going on.

—Messrs. Albert and Gilbert Sharp, with Gilmer Sharp, are threshing this week around Huntersville and on Brown's Creek, and are "pushing things" with their accustomed energy and speed. This company threshed about a thousand bushels in and around Marlinton before leaving for their present field of operations.

—A writer in the Atlanta Constitution sets up the horned snake as a myth. Of this he is very much mistaken as there is a sort of snake in these mountains which has a bony tip on its tail as sharp as any needle. It is not an unusual thing to find them. They are large and powerful but are supposed to be harmless.

—A very interesting trial was on at Edray last Thursday. Mr. Geo. McKeever, of Buckeye, got badly mixed on the subject of toll gates, and when he was stopped at the Edray toll gate, and toll demanded, his impression was that he had already paid his toll at the Greenbrier Bridge. He left without paying and was summoned before Squire Cook to explain. An amicable adjustment was reached between Mr. McKeever and the State by the gentleman paying over \$2.50.

—The workmen say that the clay of which they are making brick on the yard near town, is unusual in that the bricks after being molded do not shrink. As most kilns are burned until they have shrunk some six inches in height, the first kiln burned here was considered a tough character. It never did settle. Whether it had been burned sufficiently or not had to be determined by the amount of sulphur accumulated on top.

—Say what you will, this year is going to be a year of plenty as compared to others, for the farmer who has any sort of a farm and who has worked it properly. Some farmers have more hay than usual and others a fair crop. Round about our town is some of the finest looking corn ever grown. Oats not so bad and if you will remember, the wheat of the country looked fine. The hard times will be because the stock will not be sold readily. This "scarce year" of years will not produce a famine. A citizen of this district had a crop of fifty-five shocks of oats on a part of an acre, and threshed out fifty-five bushels.

—A sad accident happened on Dry Branch last week. A fifteen-year old son of George C. Beale had caught a young horse which had not been used for some time and mounted it to ride a blackberrying. The horse reared and plunged throwing his rider a considerable distance. The young man alighted on a rock, it striking him in the back. He was considered to be dangerously hurt. He was unconscious for about four hours.

—The splash dam now in building on the Greenbrier some twenty-five miles below this point is to be a very complete and substantial affair. About midways will be the chute to allow the water to pass after it has accumulated, and, also, to afford a thoroughfare for rafts. One half of the dam is bridged to enable a man to walk out and lift the gates. It is built to stand any flood.

—It is thought that the insects which threatened the total destruction of the pine tree, have ceased to effect the remaining pines of this county. Whether Professor Hopkins' German bug is the cause or not, cannot in all probability be determined, but it looks as though this bug had destroyed the other.

—A Republican at Mingo writes that owing to the hard times, the name of that postoffice is all that is left of the former name Mingo Flat. A postoffice named Hello was established recently in this State. Webster county has a postoffice named Removal, which is very suggestive of the court-house question.

—Last week David Sharp's little daughter was thrown from her horse and hurt quite severely. It seems to have been the result of fast riding by some one coming up behind while leaving Pleasant Hill after religious services conducted by Rev. Hart.

Personal.

Messrs. Fennell and Lawson were in Marlinton last week.

Ed. Rutledge has returned from Alexander.

Dr. Wallace, Miss Anna Wallace and Miss Lucy Kincaid returned from Addison last week.

Mr. John White has charge of P. Golden's store at this place.

John Young, Esq., called on this office the other day.

Mr. Robinson, the sheepbuyer, was about last week.

Rev. D. D. Penick and three daughters, of Lexington, Va., are visiting in the Levels.

Mr. Elmer Grimes, of Frost, called at the TIMES office, Tuesday.

Capt. D. O'Connell and wife, and Dr. Lockridge, of Driscoll, were in Marlinton on Monday.

Mr. Kenney Wooddell and family, of Ritchie county, formerly of this county, were in Marlinton on Wednesday, en route for Green Bank, their old home.

Mr. W. A. Bratton is in Marlinton again accompanied by his cousin, Mr. Winston, of Waynesboro.

Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Armstrong, of Wheeling, are stopping in Marlinton.

Miss Lurah Sharp is recovering from a severe attack of fever.

Mr. Sherman H. Clark was in Marlinton, Saturday, on legal business.

Mr. Luther Sharp has established a permanent and lucrative mercantile business on Elk.

Miss Allie McLaughlin will commence teaching school at Big Spring on the 15th of this month.

SENATE BILL PASSED

As we go to press we receive news of the passing of the Senate Bill by the House by a vote of 182 to 105.

Selah!

The Marvelous.

Anthony McGown, on the Ark down the River some twenty miles, caught a turtle the other night which weighed 62½ pounds.

N. C. McNeil, who is somewhat noted as a successful fisherman, solemnly avers that he tried his strength with a bass, the largest of his kind, last Thursday. The spare line on the reel being used up, he was constrained to follow but to no avail, for the fly was snapped off in a trice.

Two gentlemen, native of a country named England, had a fine day's sport last week. While one of them was riding out he flushed a flock of large birds which alighted on the branches of some trees. He had never seen the wild turkey of America, but being a well-informed naturalist, he recognized these birds instantly. Returning for his comrade, they procured guns and stalked the birds until within easy shot. After much "scaring" one of the birds was induced to fly, and it was promptly downed with four barrels of shot. Considering it somewhat remarkable that the rest of the birds did not fly, peaceable investigation was made, and the terrible odor from the dead bird was the first intimation had that they had attacked a flock of turkey-buzzards.

Never Say Die.

Although we had a Black Eye last year caused by the bad weather, we are to the front again and in high spirits over our prospects, for which we have to and do thank our patrons. We are making and have made great strides towards a fine display in every department this fall; we feel very much encouraged by the letters received asking for space, stalls, etc.

Our races will be a feature of great interest to parties from county, district, and to strangers. We will have some fine horses, both in trotting and running, the track amusements will be exciting and interesting. Ten races each day, one every fifteen minutes after one o'clock each day. No time to get lonesome or tired. Many outside and interesting novelties to interest the crowd.

The base ball world will be interested in the hot contest between the Boneverte, Clinton Forge, Hinton, Lewisburg and other base ball clubs for a purse each day, and the handsome solid silver championship cup, awarded last day of the fair to the winning club. The games will begin 2d, day of the fair. You cannot but enjoy the fair this year as every effort will be made by the directors to give you something interesting and enjoyable each hour of each day. You come and we promise that you will not be disappointed.

The Englishmen will be here with their thoroughbred jumpers and will give us a grand exhibition every day over the hurdles. We have made our stalls free, and no entry fees on exhibits and races. This one feature is flooding us with inquiries for stalls, etc. If you don't take a premium you are out nothing, and if you do you are just that much ahead. Don't hesitate to enter what you have, it is only a rooster. This is a home enterprise and should be kept up by the interest manifested by the people of this district. We are in good financial condition, and will be free of debt by October 1, 1894.

This is a good showing and we are not discouraged by past bad luck. We can make a success of the fair and we intend to do it and know that our people will heartily join us in doing so and let it be said that Old Greenbrier is the seat of the best and most interesting district fair in this or any other State.

This and adjoining States are full of running, trotting, and pacing horses anxious to win a race this fall, and we will have lots of them. Lovers of this sport will not be disappointed this year. We expect to have 8 to 10 starters in every race. Don't forget the date.

September 4-5-6 and 7, 1894. GREENBRIER INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION.

Church Notes.

Rev. W. H. Hart conducted farewell services at Marlinton last Sunday, preparatory to closing his labors for the year and attending Conference. For two or three years this ministerial gentleman has ministered to his congregations with marked acceptance.

Call at the Marlinton drug-store for anything in their line.

Andrew C. Wooddell Killed.

A very sad accident happened on Tuesday near Edray, A. C. Wooddell, the proprietor of a steam saw-mill, now set near Waugh's mill, was working on a log slide near his mill, engaged in putting over logs which had been freshly peeled. Three logs had stopped about midway down the hill-side, the last log running against the end of another and remaining straight up and down the hill. Mr. Wooddell, with Wm. Marlee, went to loosen up the jam, and in doing so, got below the topmost log. When this was loosened it shot downwards and caught and carried him about seventeen feet down the hill, jaming him against a log which was lying across the slide. The log stopped and was lying across his body. Marlee removed this log and Mr. Wooddell said, "That relieves me! You run and tell the mill hands that I am bad hurt." When W. A. Shearer, from the mill, reached him he was dying, and could not speak.

His right thigh and hip were mashed into jelly, all the bones about that part of his body being broken. He must have received horrible internal injuries.

He was buried at Edray on the afternoon of the 15th.

Mr. Wooddell was a man of about thirty-five years of age and is well known throughout the county as a dealer in lumber. For the past few years he has been engaged in apparently endless litigation, which made him a frequent visitor to the county seat. He was noted for being daring if not reckless when logging. He leaves a wife and a number of small children.

Lobelia.

Fine growing weather. Corn looks fine. People all done cutting grass.

S. A. McCarty has been threshing on the Creek.

Rev. S. C. Moagan is off to hold his first protracted meeting at the McMillion church.

L. O. McMillion was accidentally cut by his son with a scythe. The cut was about three inches long, and owing to the rush, W. B. Hill acted as physician. He is all right now.

People are gathering blackberries by the carload in this part. Brison Hill reports seeing about thirty men, women and boys at the Falling Timber. They were from Camben on Ganley and Upper Glade, Webster county.

Large hail fell in this part last Friday.

We would like to see some calf buyers in this section, and leave that one, among so many, things needful.

C. F. Eagle says he has as good corn as Hill and McMillion.

Albert Cutlip reports 8 bushels of berries as the result of one trip. Simmons & Co. started for Cranberry, Sunday, to gather berries.

W. B. Hill has been herding about fifty cattle in the mountain this summer, salting every week, and has only seen two deer, and they were afraid of his Winchester, and he was afraid of the grizzly.

OBSERVER.

Cricket at Mingo.

Anyone passing Duffryn, Mr. Arthur Lawson's farm, last Saturday afternoon, would have seen a cricket match in full flower. This game is not generally known in America, but it is as universal in Eng and as baseball in America. The game calls for the same quick work, ready judgment, and good catching which mark the baseball player.

A cricket bat looks like a mistake. It is a broad oval paddle. The ball is very similar to a baseball. The bowler, occupying a similar position to the pitcher of baseball, throws, without using his elbow, at the wicket composed of three sticks about 22 inches high, and some 16 inches broad. When this is hit by the bowler the batter is out. He may be caught out or thrown out, also. The batters business is to keep the ball from striking the wicket, and to keep from being hit himself.

One gets the same bruises, bursted hands, and hard runs that fill the base ball player's life.

No word of the court house injunction yet.

To Be Arbitrated.

At an impromptu meeting of some citizens of Pocahontas, the matter of the respective purity of the water of the two towns of Marlinton and Huntersville having been presented it is ordered that this question be referred to three commissioners, one to be chosen by the town of Huntersville, and one by the town of Marlinton, these two to choose a third, who is to be an Upshur county man; the said commissioners shall proceed to examine the water of the two towns as to desirability for drinking, washing and mixing purposes, and report to the newspapers of this county. It is further ordered that the several newspapers of this county bear the expense of this investigation. It is recommended, owing to the dry spell prevailing at this time, that said commissioners set to work forthwith, as there is danger of finding both towns without any water whatever.

Edray Items.

Every thing at this time is so flourishing in and about the town of Edray, that we thought it right and proper that we give you a few items.

Mr. C. A. Barlow and sister, Miss Hattie, of Beverly, W. Va., are visiting friends and relatives here at this writing.

Miss Fannie McLaughlin, of Marlinton, is spending a few days with her friends here.

Miss Lottie Gay, of Buckhannon, is still among her friends here, and expects to return to her home soon. Dr. P. D. Barlow, of the Maryland General Hospital, who returned home a few days ago, has been kept very busy visiting the sick. His sister, Miss Ruth, who has been suffering with inflammatory rheumatism, is able to be up again.

Mr. John Barlow's little girl, Myrtle, who has been very sick is improving slowly.

J. R. Poage is on the sick list.

Two interesting croquet parties took place here last Saturday evening, one in the sugar grove near Mr. Taylor Moore's, the other in the town of Edray. The young people are arranging to have a lawn party at the home of Mr. Henry Barlow this evening (August 13), a very pleasant time is expected.

The blackberry briars on Williams River have suffered during the past week, judging from the number of wagons passing to and from that place.

We failed to find the Edray correspondent to the Herald. He must be some kind of a prophet, as the double and single weddings are over, they occurred last night, as some of the young folks can testify, both at the same time and place. "Let the good work go on."

A pleasant time is anticipated by our teachers at the Institute beginning August 20th, at Marlinton.

We will just say for the benefit of the Herald's Edray correspondent, not to mix the Edray news with the news of other towns.

We will come again.

SOUTHERN GIRLS.

Mingo Stingoes

We request to say that Miss Carey Hebben and Mr. Brian Hebben have been suddenly called back to England owing to the illness of their father. They left their pretty home on Sunday (August 5th.) The young ladies bright geniality; and her brother's frank courtesy will be very much missed in the English Colony, and we wish their father a speedy recovery, and a speedy return on their part. We still have the "Boss" amongst us—whose handiwork in carpentry is second to none—and Mr. Earnest Hebben, who is as full of fun as a monkey.

A secluded spot at the back end of this county was the scene of an audacious outrage on the 6th inst. It occurred not a hundred miles from Mingo. One resident being on the "Herring Pond" en route for England, and the other gone to see his "Banker on business,—a "locum tenens" (standing 6 ft 2 in. in his stocking-feet, and striking fifty pounds to the square inch) occupied the wooden mansion, it being his custom to wend his weary way thither at an hour when all honest folks should be in bed. Some practical joker had placed a gun, which "went off" just as the hale and hearty fellow opened the door, and straightway that fellow went off and summoned another fellow from his downy bed, and together the pair kept watchful vigil through the long and dreary night—armed to the teeth—against the reckless marauders, who would not have escaped with lone skins if they had put in an appearance. The "men on the Night Shift" now sleeps with a veritable arsenal around his couch, and woe betide the reckless intruder. "TURKEY BUZZARD"